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Inspector-General of Police for enforcement work. The staff transferred to the Police Department for enforcement work consists of 3 Assistant Commissioners of Excise, 20 Inspectors of Excise, 37 Assistant Inspectors of Excise, 201 Sub-Inspectors of Excise, 247 Petty Officers, 2,525 Prohibition Guards, 1 Superintendent, 9 Head Clerks, 17 upper division clerks, 45 lower division clerks, 3 typists and 1 attender. Nineteen lorries and buses, 3 station waggons and 18 jeeps with 22 bus drivers, 22 cleaners and 18 jeep drivers have also been transferred to the Police Department. The Government have sanctioned temporarily from 29th November 1954 to 28th February 1955, a post of an officer on Special Duty (Re-organization) in the Office of the Inspector-General of Police with the rank of Deputy Inspector-General of Police and pay in the scale of Rs. 1,950—50—2,150 with overseas pay of £13-6-8 per mensem and with 1 Junior Superintendent, 1 upper division clerk, 1 lower division clerk and 1 typist to attend to the preliminary work in implementing the transfer in respect of the large staff taken over by the Inspector-General of Police and their re-disposition and in formulating a re-training scheme for them.

" (b) There has been no saving on account of the transfer."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know what is the total amount spent by the Government on enforcing Prohibition? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I want notice, Sir."

Use of the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police as a bus stand in connection with the Avadi Congress Session.

* 188 Q.—SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic and Licensing, Poonamallee High Road, Madras, was being used as a bus stand for parking buses belonging to private bus operators from about the 15th January 1955 in connection with the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress; and

(b) whether any rent was collected from them for using the Government premises as a bus stand and if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No Sir. In connection with the All-India Congress Session at Avadi in January 1955, arrangements were made in the public interest to run special buses from Madras to Avadi and back from four convenient loading points in the City. One of these loading points was located opposite to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic and Licensing, at Egmore. Since all the buses could not be parked at the loading point

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without creating traffic problems, they were allowed temporarily into the compound of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner before being brought to the loading point.

" (b) Does not arise."

Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" May I know whether any private operator buses were diverted from other routes and used for the Avadi Session? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Some arrangements were made but on the whole the public were very much satisfied with the arrangements made."

Sri K. BHASHYAM :—" Is it not a fact that this arrangement was made only as a general arrangement in the interest of the public to accommodate the rush of people and consequent keeping of smooth traffic movement and that there is no question of Government diverting private buses for Avadi Congress Session? "

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Have not several bus owners been specially requested to arrange these services in Madras City in connection with the Avadi Congress Session? "

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" On a point of order, Sir. Two members put questions before the Hon. Minister has answered the first." (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I agree with the questions put by Mr. K. Bhashyam and Purushotham."

Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" May I know whether that request came from the Congress or from any public body that the buses should be run on that route? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Government had to discharge their duty, and for the convenience of passengers who went to Avadi, we had had to make our own arrangements. Whether the request came from the Avadi Congress people or the general public, I cannot say. But there was the moral duty on the part of Government to see that passengers were comfortably taken to Avadi and back."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that during the Avadi Congress Session, the Police, and particularly the Traffic Deparment, did wonderfully well and that people are very much obliged that order and security had been kept up? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I am very happy that at least once in his life, Dr. John has congratulated the Government." (Laughter.)

Sri T. M. DAIVASIKAMANI ACHARIAR :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that all those mufassal buses returned to their places either with profit or loss? "

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It was no question of profit or loss. Normally the charges could have been Re. 1–2–0. But only Re. 1 was charged for to and fro journey."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, the Madras Indebted Agriculturists Bill has not yet been passed by the other House and forwarded to this House and my Hon. Colleague the Revenue Minister is quite confident that the Bill will be passed in the other House this evening. The clause by clause discussion of the Plantations Bill can be taken up day after tomorrow. Therefore, the House will have to adjourn now without transacting any further business. But, Sir, I would like to seek the co-operation of the House in getting the Madras Indebted Agriculturists Bill passed into law to-morrow itself. We shall meet at 2-30 p.m. to-morrow. Hon. Members will appreciate that after the passing of the Bill in this House, we shall have to get the consent of the Governor and then the President. And all these have to be done before the end of this month. Therefore I hope hon. Members will co-operate with the Government in getting the Bill passed to-morrow itself."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" May I know in view of the urgency of the passing of the Indebted Agriculturists' Bill to-morrow itself and in view of the possibility of our having to sit late, whether any over-time allowance would be paid to Members? "

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I inform, Sir, that the Members of the Legislative Assembly who have to sit during nights for night session are not paid any special allowance? "

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That was exactly what I was about to say. Hon. Members of the other House who are supposed to be comparatively poorer than the hon. Members of this House do not claim and they do not get any allowance for night sittings."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" I am a bit surprised that the question of allowance to Members has been raised. I think it was raised in a humorous spirit. But I want to make an earnest appeal that, while the Opposition is anxious to assist the Government in all matters of urgent importance, ordinarily the provision prescribed in the rules should be followed. We do not want to rush through. I quite understand the urgency in the case of the Indebted Agriculturists' Relief Bill. But we had to rush through the Plantations Bill yesterday. The Bill copy was handed over to the Leader of the Opposition yesterday morning at 9 and he was asked to speak on some involved questions of law in the course of the day. This

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sort of rushing through should not be allowed to be repeated, because it affects the dignity of the House and shows some sort of disrespect to us. Amendments are moved and get lost. We feel some disrespect when things are rushed through. The Opposition is anxious to co-operate with Government in getting their
3-30 p.m. business through. At the same time, we want the rules regarding introduction of Bills and the subsequent discussion thereof are followed except in exceptional cases.''

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, I am very much obliged to the Hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition for the co-operation that he has offered to the Government in getting through urgent business. Sir, I do not think that either the Government or any hon. Member of this House can be charged legitimately with doing anything which would affect the dignity of this House. The Hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition often uses certain words. He would say 'No civilized Government would do this' as if this Government do things which uncivilized Governments would do. He has referred to the dignity of the House as if we on this side of the House are not aware of our own responsibilities and duties in maintaining the dignity and prestige of this House. There is no question of dignity involved at all. There is urgency sometimes. Regarding the Plantations Agricultural Income-tax Bill, we agreed yesterday that it could be taken up on the 24th. If the Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts) Bill should be taken up to-morrow, the Plantations Income-tax Bill will be taken up day after to-morrow unless the Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts) Bill is completed earlier in the afternoon. So, most probably, this Plantations Bill will be taken up only day after to-morrow. Therefore, the Hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition need not have come forward with a charge against the Government. Regarding the Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts) Bill, I am very glad to see that he has not raised any objection. Further, Sir, as I pointed out yesterday, there was a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses which examined the Bill. So, I would once again request hon. Members of this House to help the Government in getting the Bill through to-morrow.''

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—'' May I ask, Sir, what about the allotment of a day for non-official business? ''

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Non-official days will be had according to the rules that are in existence, Sir.''

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—'' But we have not had non-official days for a very long time.''

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' For that the Government are not responsible. We never took away any non-official day. If on Saturday the House does not happen to sit, the Government will not be responsible for it.''